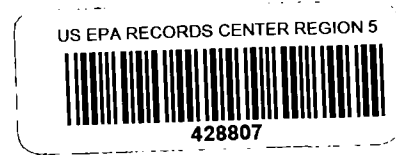


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**Re: Monthly Progress Report for July 2010, North Bronson Industrial Area Site  
Operable Unit 1, Bronson, Michigan**

Dear Mr. Hahnenberg:

The North Bronson Potentially Responsible Parties Group (the Group) submits this monthly progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, pursuant to Article X, Paragraph 31, of the Consent Decree for Remedial Design and Remedial Action (RD/RA) of Operable Unit 1 at the North Bronson Industrial Area (NBIA) Site (the Consent Decree). This report summarizes efforts by the Group to fulfill the requirements of the Consent Decree during July 2010.

## **1. Activities Completed During This Reporting Period**

- A. On July 9, 2010, the Group submitted the June 2010 monthly progress report to USEPA with copies to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment (MDNRE).
- B. On behalf of the Group, O'Brien & Gere, Inc. (O'Brien & Gere) completed the County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study.
- C. Data collection activities (*i.e.*, laboratory analyses, data validation, surveying) were completed for the Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study.

**2. Results of Sampling and Tests and Other Data**

- A. Complete data sets from the County Drain #30 sediment and soil sampling, including analytical laboratory and data validation reports are included in the County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study Report.
- B. The analytical results from the VAP sampling associated with the Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study were previously forwarded to USEPA and MDNRE to facilitate decisions regarding well locations and screened intervals. A summary of these data was submitted via electronic mail on May 21, 2010. Complete data sets, including analytical laboratory and data validation reports, will be included in the Western Lagoon Groundwater Delineation Study Report.
- C. The Group developed no other sampling or test data during the July 2010 reporting period.

**3. Work Plans, Procedures, and Deliverables**

- A. The County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study Report is being submitted to USEPA and MDEQ under separate cover.
- B. The Group submitted no other work plans, procedures, or deliverables during the July 2010 reporting period.

**4. Actions Projected for Next Six-Week Period**

- A. On behalf of the Group, O'Brien & Gere will complete the Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study.
- B. O'Brien & Gere will complete the proper abandonment of the remaining two private wells at residences affected by the proposed City groundwater restriction ordinance. The Group plans to submit a technical memorandum detailing the water line connections and private well closures.
- C. Pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 29 of the Consent Decree, the Group plans to submit the revised City Groundwater Ordinance to USEPA following completion of the City water connections and private well closures.

**5. Progress and Schedule Report**

- A. Near-term milestones for on-going Group activities are as follows:

Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study

- In accordance with the July 29, 2010 telephone discussion with the USEPA Remedial Project Manager, submittal of the summary report for the Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study is scheduled for August 13, 2010.

Private Water Connections and Well Closures

- Final arrangements have now been made with the residents to close the two remaining private wells. This work is scheduled for the week of August 9, 2010.

City Groundwater Ordinance

- The Group plans to submit the City groundwater restriction ordinance to USEPA once all of the private well closures are completed.
- B. As discussed in our project review meeting of March 17, 2009 and subsequently, progress related to RD/RA for enhanced source control at the Eastern and Western Lagoon Areas and County Drain #30 remediation requires resolution of appropriate cleanup standards for sediments and soils.
- C. There are currently no other unresolved issues that affect the performance or timing of pre-design or RD activities.

**6. Summary of Proposed or Approved Changes to the Work Plans or Schedules**

- A. The work plans for the County Drain #30 sediment and soil sampling and the Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study include addenda to the Pre-Design Studies Field Sampling and Quality Assurance Plan. These addenda provide for additional sampling and analytical protocols associated with those efforts. These work plans also include addenda to the site Health and Safety Plan as needed to address task-specific health and safety issues.
- B. The near-term milestones associated with the most-recent working schedule update are those identified in Item 5.A above.

**7. Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan**

- A. Group representatives met with affected residents regarding private well closures.

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We trust that this submittal satisfies your requirements at this time. If you have questions regarding this monthly progress report or related project matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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